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Classified By: Ambassador Roland W. Bullen
For reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (U) Ambassador delivered demarche May 31 per reftel to
Minister of Foreign Affairs Rudy Insanally.

[1](#)2. (C) Insanally is "sympathetic to Guatemala's ambition"
for the Latin American non-permanent UNSC seat, but the
"bugbear" remains its border issue with Belize. He referred
more than once to CARICOM members' unstinting sensitivity to
each other's needs on such matters. However, Insanally said
that CARICOM may not be able reach a unanimous position
regarding whose candidacy to support. They will need to
decide by July. He intends to talk with Belize to ascertain
if they "could be satisfied" with CARICOM members voting for
Guatemala. Insanally also wants to discuss this further with
CARICOM colleagues on the margins of the upcoming OAS General
Assembly. He has already spoken with Jamaican FM Hylton on
this issue at the early May EU-LAC in Vienna.

[1](#)3. (C) Insanally expressed his frustration with the lack of
progress on the Guyana-Venezuela border issue. He
acknowledged the harm done to the development of Guyana's
western regions and lamented that implementation of steps
agreed to in 2004 has been "very poor". Insanally had hoped
that a recent Guyana-Venezuela bilateral meeting would tee up
a visit this year by President Jagdeo to Venezuela
(reciprocating Chavez' 2004 Guyana visit), but the idea was
rebuffed.

[1](#)4. (C) COMMENT. Despite claims of CARICOM solidarity on all
border issues, Guyana receives little in the way of tangible
support from CARICOM on its dispute with Venezuela. But
frankly, the GoG seems reluctant to press hard for such
support. The GoG fears Venezuela and tries its best to avoid
confrontation with Chavez -- even though Venezuela's claim
does significant harm to Guyana. END COMMENT.
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